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Now it seems Alatas wants to cancel the visit. Is there any reaction from the Port. govt ?

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Portuguese MPs wont visit East Timor in 1991

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[Comment: As expected, Alatas blames Portugal for another 'postponement', which could signal an end to the whole idea of the Portuguese MPs mission ever taking place.]

PORTUGAL HAS NOT ANSWERED YET
Portugal has not yet answered a proposal that has been made by the United Nations and Indonesia regarding sending a Portuguese parliamentary mission and a UN mission to East Timor.

Answering the press after being received by President Suharto at his residence in Jalan Cendana on 22 January, Foreign Minister Ali Alatas added that the UN Secretary-General, Peres de Cuellar too hopes that Portugal will respond to this proposal.

The Foreign Minister thinks it is certain that the Portuguese parliamentary mission will be postponed and will not take place this year. The Indonesian and Portuguese ambassadors at the UN have have already worked out the modalities including the places to be visited, the time arrangements for the visit and so on. "But all this is deadlocked because Portugal has not yet given any reply," said the Foreign Minister.